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Assistant Director for Operations

10 January 1957

Chief, Foreign Documents Division

FDD Monthly Progress Report -- December 1956

ADMINISTRATION

1. The number of personnel charged against ceiling as of 31 December was [REDACTED] 25X1A

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2. [REDACTED] on 24 December completed two months' TDY with P & C Staff, OO.

3. Two persons completed the FDD Intensive Rumanian Course II on 31 December.

On 10 December ten clerical personnel completed an FDD Russian Familiarization Course conducted by [REDACTED] 25X1A

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[REDACTED] completed a three-day course at the Coxhead Multilingual Typewriting School on 7 December.

[REDACTED] completed a three-month Thai language course at OTR on 21 December.

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4. [REDACTED] gave a lecture in Chinese on "Understanding and Dealing With the Chinese" on 19 December as part of an OTR lecture series.

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5. An expanded FDD exhibit prepared for the Intelligence Products Exhibit ("County Fair") was set up in [REDACTED] on 9 December to familiarize all FDD personnel with the display.

6. By arrangement with CIA Library, book-jacket displays of recent acquisitions will henceforth be on view in [REDACTED] after initial display in the M Building area.

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7. In conference with [REDACTED] of the Office of Personnel, FDD agreed that there should be no consideration of racial segregation in the assignment of clerical personnel to the Division.

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OPERATIONS

1. The 61st meeting of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications convened on 14 December. Review of the Scientific and Technical program was completed. It was agreed that for the coming year Subcommittee meetings would be held monthly and that established programs would be reviewed only once during the year.

The next meeting, scheduled for 18 January, will review the Western World program.

2. Reference to the CTS Index prevented 83 cases of duplication totaling 1,722 pages.

3. During the month, the first issues of two scheduled quarterly summary reports were published: "Political and Sociological Report on Rumania," and "Political and Sociological Report on Yugoslavia."

4. On 26 December, the Acting DCI approved in principle the expansion of FLD facilities through the allocation of funds to finance domestic field contracting for personal services in the exploitation of foreign-language publications.

5. Two reports, one a review and one a summary, of the Soviet novel "Not By Bread Alone" by V. Dudintsev, were published during the month as crash projects.

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6. In response to a White House request on the Agency, three Hungarian linguists have been engaged since 13 December in monitoring tape recordings of Radio Free Europe Hungarian-language broadcasts during the period of 24 October to 5 November [REDACTED]

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From Chief, Assessments Section, OCI, for a special report on Indian Congress activities in Orissa and Madhya Pradesh prepared by [REDACTED]

8. Liaison activities (other than CIA):

Department of State

With Division of Biographic Information, Mr. Robert P. Parkinson, to discuss program guidance affecting biographic information on Communist China.

Department of the Army

With Logistical Intelligence Branch, Office of the Chief of Ordnance, Mr. Donald A. Russell, to discuss FDD support for several subsections of Section 64 (Manufacturing and Construction) for the NIS chapter on Indonesia.

With Research and Engineering Command, Office of the Chief of Transportation, Mr. Charles J. McCabe, to acquaint him with pertinent FDD publications.

9. Special services rendered:

Office of Communications -- Reverse translation of 36 pages of operational instructions, English to [REDACTED]

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10. Significant reports:

FDD Summary No. 1151 -- Weekly Information Report on Communist China (128) (report by deputy mayor of Shanghai on actual revenues and expenditures in 1955 and planned revenues and expenditures for 1956, pp. 28-45)

FDD Summary No. 1165 -- Weekly Information Report on Communist China (130) (analysis of two leading machine-tool plants yields some important basic data for assisting in evaluating the industrial efficiency of Communist China and its statistical methodology, pp. 2-9)

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1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations
2. Details of Personnel Actions

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